

APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387035)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474) (P)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C;
ISA of 1950
(100 NY)

Re WFO airtel and letterhead memos 12/13 and 12/14/61
which reflected that Reverend DAVID ANDREWS was arrested in
front of the White House on 12/13/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, for NY
two copies and for Charlotte one copy of a letterhead memo
reporting Reverend ANDREWS was arrested on 12/13/61. Information
furnished SA [redacted] by [redacted]
[redacted] and SA [redacted] by [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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Copies of letterhead are being disseminated
locally to ONI, G-2, 'DW, and OSI.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
- 1 - Charlotte (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (RM) (100-107111)
- [redacted]
- 1 - WFO

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4695 DATE 12-15-61

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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12/16/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)

FROM: SAC, WFO(100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
IS - C
ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

Re WFOairtel 12/11/61, setting forth plans to cover
CSJMS demonstrations at White House, 12/16 and 12/17/61.

SA [REDACTED], observed the following b7c
on 12/16/61:

At 3:40 P. M., a Greyhound bus arrived at the White
House from New York with 40 people. They began immediately
to picket at the east end of the White House grounds on
Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Lt. THOMAS BERLINY, Metropolitan
Police Department advised SA GLASS that GEORGE MC ALISTER
from New York had told him that this bus left New York at
9:00 a. m., and that another one left New York at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. DAVID ANDREWS, who had arrived at the scene
about 2:55 p. m. joined the demonstrators. At 3:50 p. m.
Rev. ANDREWS knelt on the sidewalk to pray.

At this time, according to [REDACTED] the police b7d
declared an emergency and arrested Rev. ANDREWS for violation

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of picketing regulations. He was taken to the police station. MC ALISTER told [redacted] that he did not know whether ANDREWS would make bail or not. b7D

According to [redacted] the police declared an emergency because there were other groups picketing in front of the White House, occupying the entire sidewalk in front of the White House. b7d

Starting at the East end of the sidewalk were about 200 demonstrators for the Young Americans for Freedom, 74 Madison Avenue, New York City. This group was protesting the U. N. action in Katanga, was advocating atom bomb testing by the U. S., and was advocating negotiation from strength.

Next there were two pickets from the Fighting American Nationalists, 6624 Willston Place, Falls Church, Virginia, carrying signs "Down with the N. A. A. C. P. and C. O. R. E."

Next were five pickets of the American Nazi Party, 928 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia, protesting U. N. action in Katanga and advocating freedom for RUDOLPH HESS.

Next were 28 students supporting President KENNEDY's reluctance to resume atom bomb testing. Twelve of these students were from Bethel College, Newton, Kansas. The remainder were from New York. The Bethel students came in cars and planned a three day fast and vigil on the order of the students from Grinnell College, Iowa. The New York students came partly because of support for the fast and vigil and partly because they heard the Young Americans for Freedom were going to demonstrate, according to their leaders.

The last group to arrive and the last in line were the CSJMS pickets claiming SOBELL is innocent and should be released.

The demonstrators were orderly with no incidents other than the arrest of Rev. ANDREWS which was handled quietly and efficiently with few even being aware that it occurred.

Letterhead memo being prepared on CSJMS, 12/17/61.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
December 17, 1961

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The CSJMS is described in the Appendix. b7d

On December 15, 1961, [redacted]
Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C.,
advised as follows:

At about 3:40 p.m., forty people from New York City
arrived at the White House, Washington, D.C., by bus. They
began immediately to picket at the east end of the White House
grounds on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., carrying signs which
claimed that Martin Sobell was innocent and should be released.

Reverend Lucile Andrews of Rome, North Carolina, also
arrived on the scene about 2:55 p.m., joined the demonstrators.
At 2:00 p.m., Reverend Andrews led a parade down the street for
the release of Martin Sobell.

At this time, the police declared an emergency due to
the presence of other demonstrators from conflicting groups -
totalling over 200 in front of the White House, and arrested
Reverend Andrews for violation of picketing regulations. The
regulations require that demonstrators keep moving in front of
the White House.

On December 17, 1961, [redacted] b7d
[redacted] advised as follows:

The CSJMS demonstrators varied in number from forty
to six, at various times on December 16, 1961.

On December 17, 1961, [redacted] b7d
White House Police, advised that when the demonstrators
of CSJMS were to run around the clock, the group ceased
picketing at about 12:15 p.m. on December 16, 1961, and did not
resume until about 2:15 a.m. on December 17, 1961. 4698

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RE: CSNY

On December 17, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that at 3:35 p.m. that [REDACTED] arrived in the vicinity of the White House from New York City containing an additional nineteen demonstrators. This bus had been chartered by a Mrs. L. Schachter of the CSNY Headquarters in New York City. These new arrivals joined the picket line. b7d

On December 17, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that the demonstration by the CSNY ceased at 6:30 p.m. The group got into two Grayhound buses and departed for New York City at 5:00 p.m. b7d

With regard to Reverend David Andrews, [REDACTED] advised that Andrews posted \$10 collateral and is scheduled to appear for a hearing on December 17, 1961. Reverend Andrews was charged with disorderly conduct and with the violation of a District of Columbia ordinance which, in effect, states you must keep moving during a demonstration when there is a possibility of violence. b7d

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12/17/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474) P.

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
IS-C; ISA OF 1950
(OO: NY)

ReWFOairtel, 12/15/61, which stated letterhead memo would be prepared on activity of captioned organization in front of White House, WDC, 12/16-17/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, for CE one copy, and for NY two copies of a letterhead memo summarizing these activities.

WFO will disseminate locally to OSI, 4th District; ONI, PRNC; and G-2, MDW.

[REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED] on 12/15/61, and to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 12/17/61. [REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] furnished information to SA [REDACTED]

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Any additional pertinent information developed by sources of WFO will be furnished Bureau and interested offices.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 2/9/62

FROM : SA  b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS #C: ISA 50

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 1/25/62. The review for this report was made from serial 4500 through serial 4789.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

Volume	Serials (List by serial or serial scope.)					
106	4503	4506	4511	4513	4516	4517
	4538	4544	4546	4553	4554	4556
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107	4561	4562	4570	4571	4572	4573
	4574	4577	4579	4580	4590	4592
	4597	4598	4600	4601	4608	4609
	4610	4611	4612	4613	4615	4616
	4617	4620	4621	4626	4627	4631
	4646	4648	4649	4654	4664	4665
	4666	4685	4686	4689	4694	
108	4701	4704	4707	4708	4709	4710
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FILE NO. 100-107111

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File No: 100-107729Re: ROSENBERG/ISABELL COMMITTEEDate: 1/23/78
(month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		*	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released		
4702	12/14/61	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1		
4703	12/20/61	INFORMANT REPORT FROM SA TO SAC BOSTON	3	3		
4704		MEMO, DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4705	12/23/61	REPORT, SD TO HQ	7	7		
4706	12/26/61	MEMO FROM SA TO SAC NY	1	1		
4707		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4708		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4709		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4710		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4711		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4712		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4713		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		

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File No: 100-70771Re: ROSENBERG/SABELL CommitteeDate: 1/23/78
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			Actual	Released		
4714	1/4/62	JH/M (encl to 4715)	3	0	yes	See Nys 100-37158
4715	1/4/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ	1	0	yes	See Nys 100-37158
4716	1/9/62	MEMO, HQ TO SAC NY	1	1		
4717	1/4/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO AL	8	0	yes	See Nys 100-109849
4718	1/4/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ	1	0	yes	See Bufile 101-2483
4719	1/4/62	JH/M (encl to 4720)	4	0	yes	See Nys 100-37158
4720	1/4/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ	2	0	yes	See Nys 100-37158
4721		MEMO, DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4722		MEMO, DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
4723	1/10/62	JH/M (encl to 4724)	6	6	yes	
4724	1/10/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO HQ	2	2	yes	
4725	1/9/62	TELETYPE, SAC NY TO HQ	1	0	yes	

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File No: 100-107711Re: ROSENBERG/SABELL COMMITTEEDate: 1/28/78
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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		*	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released		
4726	1/9/62	MEMO, SAC NORFOLK TO NY	1	1		
4727		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	—	—		
4728	12/10/61	MEMO, SA TO BA	3	2		
4729	12/26/61	MEMO, SA TO BA	3	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
4730		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	—	—		
4731		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	—	—		
4731-A	1/9/62	SA to NY (see to 4732)	4	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
4732	1/9/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HP	1	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
4733	1/10/62	SA to NY (see to 4734)	2	2		
4734	1/10/62	AIRTEL, SAC WFO TO HP	2	2		
4735	1/10/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO CE	4	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
4736	1/12/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HP	1	0	Yes	See Bufile 101-2485
4737	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO BA	1	0		

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No. 100-107721Re: ROSENBERG/SNOELL COMMITTEEDate 1/29/78
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1738	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO AT	1	D		
1739	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO AN	1	D		
1740	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO MM	1	D		
1741	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO LA	1	D		
1742	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO LS	1	D		
1743	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO SL	1	D		
1744	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO MP	1	D		
1745	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO NK	1	O		
1746	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO NH	1	D		
1747	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO SF	1	D		
1748	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY SE	1	D		
1749	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO ME	1	D		

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File # 100-107111

Re: ROSENBERG/SABELL COMMITTEE

Date: 1-23-78
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750	1/15/62	MEMO, SAC NY TO MO	1	0		
751	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO BT	1	0		
752	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO BU	1	0		
753	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO BS	1	0		
754	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO AQ	1	0		
755	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO PG	1	0		
756	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO FX	1	0		
4757	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO OM	1	0		
4758	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO CG	1	0		
759	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO CE	1	0		
760	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO RH	1	0		
761	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO SF	1	0		

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File No: 100-107771 Re: ROSENBERG/SABELL COMMITTEEDate: 1-23-78
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			Actual	Released		
4762	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO DN	1	0		
4763	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO CU	1	0		
4764	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO AL	1	0		
4765	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO KC	1	0		
4766	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO HN	1	0		
4767	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO SU	1	0		
4768	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO SA	1	0		
4769	1/15/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO NO	1	0		
4770	1/16/62	LETTER, SAC NY TO CE	2	2		
4771	1/29/62	LETTER, SA TO FILE	1	0		
4772		MEMO, DESTROYED 2/9/62	—	—		
4773		MEMO, DESTROYED 2/9/62	—	—		

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Re: ROSENBERG/SABELL COMMITTEE

Date: 1/25/78
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			Actual	Released		
786	1/24/62	MEMO, SAIT TO FILE RE: SUBJECT	1	0	Yes	See NY 100-371581
1787		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
1788		MEMO DESTROYED 2/9/62	-	-		
1789	1/25/62	REPORT NY TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	53	44		
1789-A	1/24/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	1	0	Yes	See Bufile 101-2483
1790	1/25/62	LHM (encl to 4791)	2	2		
1791	1/25/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ RE: SUBJECT	1	1		
4792	1/26/62	LETTER TO FILE	4	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
4793	1/26/62	AIRTEL, SAC NY TO HQ	1	0	Yes	See NY file 100-109849
N.R.	2/9/62	SA TO SAC N.Y.	1	1		

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12/19/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA OF 1950
(OO: NY)**

Re WFO airtel and letterhead memo, 12/17/61, which set out details of demonstration by captioned organization in front of White House, 12/16, 17/61. Included in letterhead memo is information relating to arrest of Reverend DAVID ANDREWS for failure to keep moving during demonstration.

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Reverend ANDREWS left WDC, 12/18/61.

Above for info. No action being taken by WFO.

- 3-Bureau
- 1-Charlotte (RM)
- 1-New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 1-WFO
- BCP:mas

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TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-27290) b7c
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA - 1950

12/20/61

Date received 12/12/61	Received from (name or symbol number) [REDACTED] b7d	Received by SA [REDACTED] b7c
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: <u>Date</u> Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____	Date of Report 12/12/61
	Date(s) of activity 11/29/61

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting at Community Church,
Boston, Mass.

File where original is located if not attached
[REDACTED] b7d

Remarks

In the event any of the following is utilized, careful paraphrasing should be used to protect the identity of this source.

The written report reads as follows:

KPW:ras
Copies:
2 New York (100-107111)(RM)
~~Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL~~
1 - 100- SYDNEY SOBELL)

Boston:
[REDACTED]
100-(new)(dead) (SYDNEY SOBELL) b7c
100-1350 (COMMUNITY CHURCH) b7d

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BS 100-27290

"Meeting at Community Church, Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 11/29/61. Meeting started appx. 8:05.

"Rev. 'DON' LOTHROP gave flowery introduction to Attorney MAX KARGMAN. Attny. KARGMAN gave history of his connection with the SOBELL case, then gave brief history of conspiracy law 'before 1300' (in Engl.) about 1300, in 1600 (all in Engl.) quoted CLARENCE DARROW as authority. The conspiracy law is so nebulous and all embracing that it is a poor law.

"KARGMAN gave his history of the illegalities and unjustified acts of the Immigration Dept. & Justice Department relating to SOBELL's arrest & conviction. If nothing else - at this point the sentence was much severer than, e.g. The 'FUCHS' case and sentence. KARGMAN introduced SYDNEY SOBELL, (Mrs. SYDNEY), MORT SOBELL's step daughter.

"She rehashed the SOBELL arrest, trial, and unfair conviction then asked for: 1) donations to finance 'Walkers' not 'pickets' at Hyannis, Wash., D.C., and other cities, citing costs.

"Called them 'walkers' because Pres. KENNEDY 'definitely promised' (exact quote) appointment of a committee to review the SOBELL case. All SYDNEY SOBELL wants is this committee appointed, therefore she is not 'against the President', she wants action on what he 'promised.' 2) Letters to go to 'The Pres. of the U.S., The White House, Wash. D.C.' requesting whatever we felt was reasonable: review of the severity of the sentence's length, release of MORT SOBELL on parole, or pardon.

"A ten-twenty minute letter writing period followed as the donations were being solicited. A \$100.00 check from KARGMAN was announced to start the ball rolling.

[REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] b7d

BS 100-27290

"All non-Jewish people seemed to get out as fast as possible. Many (ten or so appx.) without giving a donation or writing a letter. Total attendance was about 50.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7d

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b7d [REDACTED] on 12/12/61 provided a copy of "The Community Church News" which showed that on November 29th, the speakers at the Forum Supper would be SYDNEY SOBELL, stepdaughter of MORTON SOBELL, and Dr. MAX KARGMAN, lawyer and Boston businessman. The topic that night would be "The SOBELL Case - a Miscarriage of American Justice". The Community Church News" is being filed in BS 100-28427-1A.

[REDACTED] also provided a copy of the leaflet "Give a Day of Your Life", published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, November, 1961, 6th issue. This is being filed in BS 100-27290-1A. b7d

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All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES J. POWELL, 7/31/61, San Diego.

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Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee which is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

For information purposes, Los Angeles is being furnished one copy, and New York two copies, of this report.

This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" because data reported from SD T-1 through SD T-4, inclusive, if revealed, could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their effectiveness.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were used in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

Because the information reflected in this report does not lend itself to extensive breakdown, topical headings were not used.

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
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Synopsis:

Informants know of no recent activity on part of San Diego Sobell Committee, the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

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DETAILS: SD T-1 advised on December 16, 1959, that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) is the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

SD T-1 and SD T-2 advised on December 1, 1961, that to the best of their knowledge, MILTON LESSNER continues to be the chairman of the SDSC and that the SDSC has no regular membership or regularly scheduled meetings. SD T-1 and SD T-2 said that the SDSC normally has meetings only when some dignitary of the Sobell Committee visits the San Diego area, or when the National Sobell Committee needs funds. According to these sources, the SDSC announces any scheduled activities of the organization through meetings of the San Diego Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SDB-SWP). These sources advised that they knew of no recent activity on the part of the SDSC.

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

SD T-3 and SD T-4 advised, respectively, on December 6, 1961, and December 7, 1961, that MILTON LESSNER is a member of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP).

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These sources stated that they knew of no recent activity on the part of the SDSC.

SD T-3 advised that in the past MILTON LESSNER has been chairman of the SDSC, and that, as far as the source knows, LESSNER continues to hold that position. This source stated that the SDSC has no regular membership and holds no regularly scheduled meetings. According to this source, the SDSC has meetings only when the National Sobell Committee asks for a fund-drive or when some representative of the Sobell Committee comes to San Diego. When such meetings as these are held, advance announcement of the meeting is usually made at meetings of the SDCCP.

SD T-5 advised on December 5, 1961, that to the best of his knowledge during the past several months the SDSC has been completely inactive.

APPENDIX

San Diego Sobell Committee,
Aka Morton Sobell Defense
Committee, Sobell Defense
Committee, San Diego Committee
to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell

A confidential source advised on May 1, 1957, that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), aka Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Source further advised that the SDSC is an adjunct of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, aka National Sobell Committee, New York, New York, which directs activities, policy and obtains financial support from the various Sobell committees throughout the country.

Another source advised on May 15, 1961, that the San Diego Sobell Committee is still in existence and is controlled and dominated by the Communist Party in San Diego, California, although its membership includes members of the Socialist Workers Party in San Diego.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Diego, California
December 23, 1961

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Reference report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above 67c
at San Diego.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41) DATE: 12/26/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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The following item is from the "Morning Freiheit" of November 16, 1961, on page 2, columns 4-5:

Children Of Morton Sobell Appeal To U.N. Committee:

Help Our Innocent Father!

A press report, by the "Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell", yesterday, advised that the children of Morton Sobell, who is the victim of a frame-up of espionage - have appealed to the U.N. Committee For Human Rights: "Help free our innocent father".

Son Mark, 12 years old, and step-daughter Sidney, 22 years old, will appeal to John Humphrey, Director of the "Human Rights" Section of the U.N. They will present their appeal today, Thursday, when a picket-line will march near the U.N., at 5:00 P.M. tonight, to support the appeal of Sobell's children.

The appeal points out that famous people in the world demand the liberation of Sobell, who has been languishing in jail for 11 years. They submit such names as Bertram Russell, Martin Buber, Pablo Cassals, Harold Urey, Linus Pauling, Martin Luther King, and many others.

The Committee, which is fighting for Sobell's liberation, has published a four-page newspaper for national distribution. It calls upon everyone "to give one day in their lives" to help obtain freedom for Sobell.

The above was translated from the Yiddish by [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: January 9, 1962

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The enclosed petitions, which were received from the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice in November, 1961, and which were submitted to the President urging clemency for Morton Sobell, should be indexed in your office and/or directed to main case files where appropriate.

In this connection, it is noted that many of the signatures appearing thereon are illegible.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York
January 10, 1962

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell
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A characterization of the
Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is attached
hereto.



"Two months ago our national conference adopted a program of direct action to confront Washington and the public with the Morton Sobell case. Within this short time there has been great success in getting across our message. And these very accomplishments prove that we have just scratched the surface....."

"THE CASE COMES ALIVE IN THE PRESS AND ON TV

"A series of public actions, combining group demonstrations with personal appeals of the Sobell family to the President and Attorney General through picketing, has resulted in a barrage of stories and photographs in papers from coast to coast. There has been particular strength in the

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Washington, D.C., press, which gets maximum governmental attention, and we know that the White House and the Justice Department have had the case sharply put on the agenda again despite the announced postponement of action last fall. The following are some of the most outstanding examples:

"1. The Rev. David Andrews, Methodist minister from Boone, N.C., announced to the press and to the Justice Department that he was going to Washington to undertake a civil disobedience action to call attention to the injustice of the Sobell case. At the designated hour on Tuesday, Dec. 12, he disobeyed the police order to keep moving as a picket and knelt at the White House fence in prayer. He was arrested. A Washington lawyer came to his defense and the judge threw the charge out. Meanwhile, a picture of the dramatic 'kneel-in' action not only hit the front pages in Washington, but was used in papers across the nation,.....a 2nd arrest on charges of praying out loud in front of the White House without a permit, and after his release, a third arrest when he returned to kneel.....

"2. A hurriedly organized picket line to appeal to Attorney General Robert Kennedy when he spoke in New York at the dedication of a new Fordham Law School building created national news. When Kennedy emerged, Helen, Mark, and Sydney Sobell pleaded with him and conversed with him for two blocks as he walked along past the picket line. The press covered the spontaneous event and newspapers carried dramatic accounts of Mark Sobell pleading 'Free my father.'

"3. One of the most moving photos the Sobell case has yet produced was of the Sobell family picketing the Hyannis Port residence of the Kennedys on Thanksgiving Day....

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"4. Sydney Sobell and her husband got close to President Kennedy in Miami when the President spoke at meetings there and report that he saw their signs as he went by.....

"5. The Washington picket lines at the White House of Nov. 26 and Dec. 16-17 (the latter were around-the-clock demonstrations) stirred attention, as did similar actions held on spot occasions when the President has made appearances, such as when he spoke in New York. In another moving demonstration, some 125 people picketed in the rain at the United Nations when the Sobell children appealed to the UN's Human Rights Committee.

"STILL TO BE DONE

"During this period there has been a failure of the larger numbers we have been seeking on demonstrations and a slowness of cities across the country, outside of New York, in adopting the direct action technique.

"NEW HAVEN PROVES WHAT CAN BE DONE--A group of Sobell supporters in New Haven have shown conclusively there is no question but that direct action can make the Sobell case big news in virtually every city. On Dec. 16 five persons, together with Helen Sobell, undertook the direct action of picketing the city's federal building, in this case the Post Office, and distributing material....Congratulations are in order from all to the New Haven group for being the first city to so implement the new program. (When we say first, we are speaking of this type of special local action. Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, have come through by joining the sizable New York groups in building our White House picketing. Also, Philadelphia and Trenton people joined Helen in picketing President Kennedy when he made a Trenton, N.J., speech).

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"WE URGE ALL CITIES TO SCHEDULE THEIR OWN DIRECT ACTION DEMONSTRATIONS IMMEDIATELY--This is already being done. Los Angeles is getting set for a big demonstration in February at which Helen will participate. Toronto scheduled a picket line. However, we stress that while large numbers are impressive and to be most desired, even a handful of people can make an impact when the Sobell family is participating, or when an important person in your city is taking part. Look at the New Haven results with a total of six persons walking! We cannot afford to delay. January and February must be filled with such demonstrations....

"OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITY

".....The Columbia University student newspaper, The Spectator, has published an editorial pointing to the injustice. A meeting was held on the University of Chicago campus....The current issue of the Catholic Worker has a very fine editorial on the case, and on Dec. 14 Helen addressed a group of students at City College of New York.

"LEGAL ACTION--Morton Sobell's attorneys report they have set January 8th as the date they intend to be in court with the new motions.....

"MORTON SOBELL'S HEALTH

"We are greatly relieved to learn that the operation which Morton had for his gall bladder conditions seems to have gone well, that his recovery is proving rapid, and that he is over that personal hurdle.....

"FURTHER STEPS BEING CONTEMPLATED

"1. We are planning an intensification of the type of actions taken in the last two months, with emphasis on new methods, new locations, and on local activity.

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"2. We are exploring the feasibility of setting a day for a pilgrimage to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta to picket outside the prison in a plea for Morton's release. Initial exploration indicated the feasibility, from New York at least, of chartering an airplane that could make the round-trip in a day. We urge the mid-West and West Coast to look into transportation possibilities to see whether this could become a national action.

"3. We are re-evaluating methods of arousing the conscience of the world on the case in the hope that some action could be taken early in 1952 internationally.

"4. We are studying the possible impact of independent civil disobedience action along lines taken by Rev. Andrews."

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

APPENDIX

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111) DATE: 1/9/62

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (100-5658) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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Re Norfolk airtel to Washington Field dated 12/15/61

On 12/15/61 [redacted] Hampton Police Department, Hampton, Virginia, and [redacted] Hampton Police Department, Hampton, Virginia, advised that they have no knowledge that any group from Hampton, Virginia, is expected to go to Washington, D. C., during the week end of December 16-17, 1961, to picket the White House.

On 12/15/61 [redacted] Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, and [redacted] Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, both established sources at Hampton Institute, advised that they have no knowledge of any group expected to go to Washington, D. C., during the week end of December 16-17, 1961, to picket the White House.

[redacted] advised that a check of the class schedules at Hampton Institute reflect that HAVEN PALMER PERKINS, Professor, Hampton Institute, has classes on campus up until noon on 12/16/61.

On 12/15/61 PERKINS' car was observed on campus of Hampton Institute by SA [redacted]

The above investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On 12/16/61 PERKINS' car was observed at his residence on campus of Hampton Institute by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED] b1 c

DATE: 12/10/61

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SI

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland
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This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

For the information of Charlotte, The Baltimore, Maryland "Morning Sun", of December 18, 1961, had in the upper left hand corner of page 8 an AP dispatch headed "PICKETS DEFY BAD WEATHER", which referred to the Sobell demonstration before the White House in Washington, D.C., December 17, 1961. The article said that "The Sobell supporters were led by the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS, a Methodist Minister from Boone, North Carolina, who has been arrested three times in the last week for kneeling in front of the White House to pray". ANDREWS is probably identical with the "Preacher from North Carolina", mentioned in attached report.



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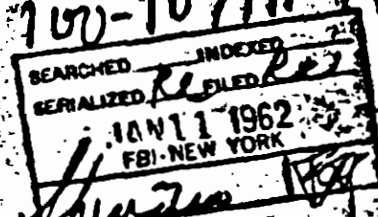
January 10, 1962

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS)
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57d The CSJMS is characterized in the Appendix.

[REDACTED] Special Investigations
Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.,
furnished the following information on January 10, 1962:

Rose Sobell arrived in front of the White House at 10:45 a.m. on January 10, 1962, and sat down in the driveway in front of the Northwest Gate of the White House. Because of the snow and cold weather she became wet and cold. She arose and then sat on the stone wall at the bottom of the fence surrounding the White House. She again became cold after a short time and approached and entered the Northwest Gate. She requested to see the President or a Presidential Assistant. A representative came out to speak to her, but she refused to speak to this representative, saying she wanted to speak to the President. She was then escorted out of the White House grounds to the sidewalk and left the area at 11:30 a.m.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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Re NY teletype and airtel 1/9/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six and for NY 2 copies of a letterhead memo containing information about a demonstration by ROSE SOBELL on 1/10/62.

[redacted] furnished the information to Supervisor ROBERT C. PUTNAM on 1/10/62.

The representative who spoke to ROSE SOBELL was [redacted] Secret Service, who requested his name not be used.

[redacted] said that BILL RICHARDS, Telenews, Inc. (ABC) took pictures of ROSE SOBELL being escorted out of the Northwest Gate.

ONI, G-2 and OSI locally, are being furnished copies of the enclosed letterhead memo.

Since there was no local participation in this demonstration, any reporting of the information is being left to the NYO.

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[REDACTED] WEICHBROD has been in charge of any CSJMS activity in this area. She said that ROSE SOBELL had phoned her the morning of 1/10/62. She knew ROSE SOBELL was going to demonstrate in front of the White House on 1/10/62, but said she had not heard of a dinner being held in Washington, D. C.

b7d [REDACTED] advised that ROSE SOBELL is staying at the Hotel Vivian in Washington, D. C. with another elderly woman and that HELEN SOBELL was not with her. She was accompanied to the White House by GEORGE MC ALISTER and an elderly woman named BROWN (Phonetic), according to [REDACTED]

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b7d WFO will remain alert for any information about a CSJMS dinner in this area. WFO sources have furnished no information about the dinner referred to. No one by the name of [REDACTED] has been connected openly with CSJMS activities in this area. [REDACTED]

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1/16/62

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR NORTON SOBELL
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The "Morning Freiheit" of December 13, 1961, page 2, columns 1-2, contained the following information:

Boone, North Carolina, Dec. 12. - The Reverend David Andrews, director of the Methodist Center of the Appalachian State Teachers College, is preparing to go to Washington for the liberation of scientist Morton Sobell.

The 37-year old Minister announced that he plans to kneel in front of the White House "to symbolize the great interest among wide masses of people in the fate of Morton Sobell, and their wish that the injustice against him be stopped through his immediate release."

Andrews will be accompanied by members of Sobell's family.

In New York, the Sobell Committee announced that this Saturday and Sunday, December 16th and 17th, there would be a new action in Washington for the liberation of scientist Morton Sobell.

On Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 P.M., there will start an uninterrupted watch in front of the White House, which will last until Sunday afternoon, at 5:00 P.M. The groups which will demonstrate for Sobell's pardon will change during the course of the day so that the watch will not be discontinued, the announcement said.

The "Sobell Committee" advises that it will arrange special transportation from New York to Washington. They will

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also provide hotel accommodations where the delegation will be able to rest. Those who want to participate in this important action to secure justice for Morton Sobell, contact the Sobell Committee at 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. Telephone AL 4-4883.

The above was translated from the Yiddish and is being submitted for your information.

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TO : SAC **NEW YORK** [REDACTED] (IN)

DATE: **2/22/62**

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (42) ^{b7c}

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7d

Dates of Contact

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Purpose and results of contact

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[REDACTED] ^{b7c}

1 - New York (100-146363) (MONROE DEFENSE COM) (42)

1 - New York (100-107419) (BCL) (41)

1 - New York (100-93572) (NATIONAL GUARDIAN) (41)

1 - New York (100-107111) (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (42)

1 - New York (100-7529) (NACP) (41)

AEC: [REDACTED]

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Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [redacted] bank records concerning the account named in the attached FD 302 on which pertinent information was recorded.

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Information herein obtained confidentially; source's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing.

The information herein is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The source no longer has custody of the basic documents from which the bank information was obtained.

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The officer to be subpoenaed is [redacted]

[redacted] Amalgamated BANK, N.Y. 11-15

Union Square NYC

The original FD 302 is maintained in [redacted]

(Inv.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

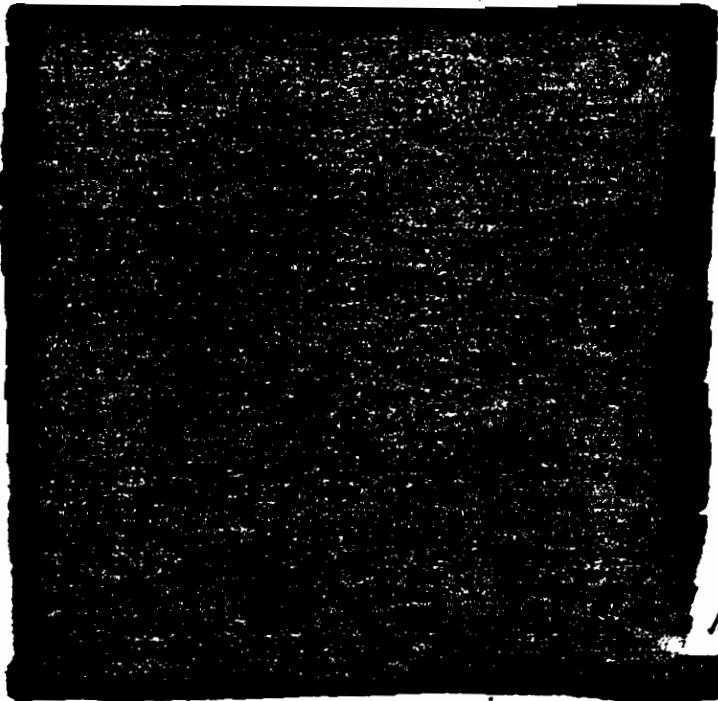
DATE: 1/17/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED] ^{b7c} (#41)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Internal Security Act, 1950
(OO: NEW YORK)

Rebulet 12/7/61, which made available to the NYO, the originals of petitions submitted to the President in connection with an appeal by captioned organization and which Bulet instructed that where a case file existed the petition should be directed to that file.

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Attached to the designated copy of this memorandum is the appropriate petition submitted to the President in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

The petition placed in the [redacted] file is signed by [redacted] and [redacted]. The petition placed in the [redacted] file is signed also by [redacted] but is being placed in the husband's file. b7c

New York, New York
January 18, 1962

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Bureau 100-357835

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) is attached hereto. *u*

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO: New York)



Secret Service, NYC, was telephonically notified on 1/18/62 of the current picketing on 1/19/62 by the CSJMS.

The information concerning the picketing of President KENNEDY in NYC on 1/19/62 was furnished by telephone to [redacted] of the Bureau of Special Services of the NYCPD on 1/18/62.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 2/12/88 *Classification KSS*

Info furnished telephonically to F.J. Baumgardner at Bureau 4:00 P.M. 1-18-62 R

- 3 - Bureau (100-387835) (Encl. 6) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-107111) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (Inv) - *JPD*

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The enclosed memorandum is being classified "Confidential" because it contains information which could reveal the identity of the source who is of continuing value and this in turn would have a detrimental effect upon the national defense interests of the US Government.

This information was telephonically furnished to the Bureau on 1/18/62.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Chicago, Illinois
January 19, 1962

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Between the hours of 12 noon and 1 PM on January 17, 1962, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed captioned organization conducting a picket line march in front of the Federal Court House Building at Clark and Adams Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Helen Sobell led the march consisting of four people including herself. Helen Sobell carried a sign which read "For eleven years my innocent husband, Morton Sobell, has been unjustly imprisoned."

Characterizations of the Chicago Sobell Committee and Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are attached.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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**CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, Also
Known As Chicago Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell**

On August 7, 1961, a source stated that the address of the above captioned organization is Room 309-1, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Source advised on August 7, 1961, that the Chicago Sobell Committee, which is also known as Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and was formerly known as Chicago Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, is a small group of volunteers who do Sobell fund raising and programing in the Chicago area. The Chicago Committee, since its inception in 1952, has been an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and was formerly known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, with headquarters in New York.

Source said that to his knowledge this committee has no full-time employees nor any volunteers who have national positions or titles. DAVID SOLTNER appears to be the guiding force behind this committee and is assisted by GERTRUDE SOLTNER, wife of DAVID SOLTNER, and former chairman of this committee who continues to be active in Sobell activities.

Another source advised during May, 1961, that the Chicago Sobell Committee maintains a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, and that DAVID SOLTNER is listed in this bank account as the Secretary of the Chicago Sobell Committee.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The files of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, as reviewed in August, 1943, reflected that the names of DAVID and GERTRUDE SOLTNER appear as signers of the Communist Party election petition submitted to the State of Illinois in 1940.

Another source in 1943 advised that GERTRUDE SOLTNER, as of 1943, was a member of the Communist Party.

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) **CINAL**

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-28530)

SUBJECT : THE CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 1/15/62.

Attached herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies of same to New York setting forth information concerning a picket line sponsored by captioned organization on 1/17/62 Chicago, Illinois. The agents who observed the picket line were SA [redacted] and [redacted] **b7c**

Sources used for the characterization for the Chicago Sobell Committee are as follows:

[redacted] **b7d**
Anonymous Source

Careful consideration has been given and all sources must be concealed.

This memorandum should be classified confidential inasmuch as information furnished by [redacted] if divulged might compromise this informant. **b7d**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 1/19/62

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-12292) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950
(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 12/13/61.

On December 20, 1961, [redacted] he has men posted at the residence of the President when the President is in Palm Beach and if any pickets show up there or anywhere else on Palm Beach they will be fingerprinted and photographed in accordance with Palm Beach ordinances. He said if any such pickets are noted the FBI will be advised. b7c
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On January 8, 1962, [redacted] advised that during the President's recent visit there, there had been no pickets. It is noted the publicity concerning the health of the President's father may have had some effect on any such plans. He said it is expected the President will visit in Palm Beach regularly during his term of office and any pickets or attempted pickets will be called to the attention of the FBI and the identity of the pickets made available. b7d

Bureau and interested offices will be advised of any pickets by captioned or any other organization.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] (41) b7c

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On 12/28/61, [REDACTED]
Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 5th Avenue and 20th
Street, NYC, made available to the writer on a confidential
basis bank records concerning the above captioned account.
A review of the records for the month of December, 1961,
reflected no pertinent activity and the balance as of 12/28/61
\$1,387.07.

The above information is not to be made public
except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a
subpoena.

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The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 5th
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 7/26/61, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The agents of the FBI who observed the picketing in the vicinity of the White House in Washington, D.C. on 10/16/61, were [redacted]

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The agent of the FBI who observed the picketing of the US Department of Justice building in Washington, D.C. on 10/16/61, was SA [REDACTED]

The agents of the FBI who observed the picketing in the vicinity of the Hotel Carlyle in New York City on 11/2/61, were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7c

The identification of individuals picketing the Hotel Carlyle in New York City on 11/2/61, was made by [REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, [REDACTED] b7d

The Special Agents of the FBI who observed the picketing in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. on 11/13/61, were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7c

The Special Agents of the FBI who observed the picket line in the vicinity of the UN building in New York City on 11/16/61, were SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7c

The Special Agent of the FBI who observed the picketing of the White House in Washington, D.C. on 12/12/61, was [REDACTED] b7c

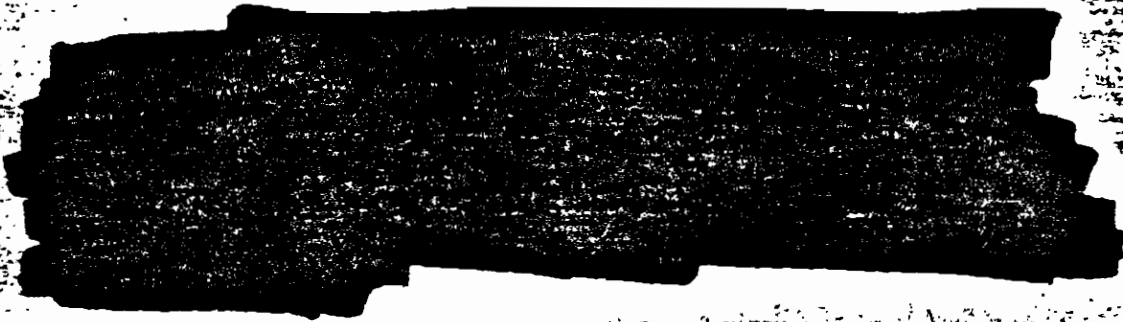
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Used to characterize EVELYN HARAP

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

The National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell are at Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC. Informants advise that the purpose of the committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison and to discredit the conviction and sentencing of SOBELL and JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. Informants advise that the committee has entered on aggressive campaign of picketing and other demonstrations to bring the case to national and international attention.

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DETAILS

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) may be found in the Appendix Section hereto.

The CSJMS, the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Sobell Committee will be referred to by the initials CSJMS, NYCSJMS and SC where appropriate in this report.

A. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF
THE COMMITTEE

Location and Purpose

The CSJMS has national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City. The purpose of the committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from his 30 year imprisonment in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, by legal means through the Federal courts or by Presidential Pardon secured after appeals to the President by the clergy and influential people in the United States and abroad. The CSJMS maintains that MORTON SOBELL is innocent of the charge, that he was illegally and unjustly convicted and that the trial Judge IRVING KAUFMAN, was prejudiced and without power to impose a "war time sentence" of 30 years. Periodically there is discussion about the amount of emphasis to be given to the tie between SOBELL and his co-defendants, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. It had been CSJMS policy not to emphasize this tie since it might alienate people but late in 1961 it was decided to once again place emphasis on the fact that the whole ROSENBERG-SOBELL case was unjust.

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Funds

Funds are raised by contributions from friends, public events, private house parties and picnics. The CSJMS requires approximately \$4,000.00 a month to operate, pay for printing, salaries and travel expenses.

Activities

The family of MORTON SOBELL are:

His wife - HELEN, his mother - ROSE SOBELL, his son - MARK SOBELL, and, stepdaughter - SYDNEY SOBELL PRINDLE. The family, with volunteer support, have embarked on a campaign of picketing the White House in Washington, D.C., the United Nations (UN) Building in New York, and Federal buildings throughout the country, as well as any place that either President JOHN KENNEDY or his brother, Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY is scheduled to appear. Prior to a November, 1961 conference, the CSJMS followed a conservative program of appealing for amnesty from the President using the support of clergymen and important people throughout the United States. Following the refusal of Presidential Pardon during late 1961, a conference of SOBELL affiliates voted to adopt a militant program to bring the case to public attention and to embarrass the President. HELEN SOBELL was later authorized to go overseas to establish international "Commissions of Inquiry".

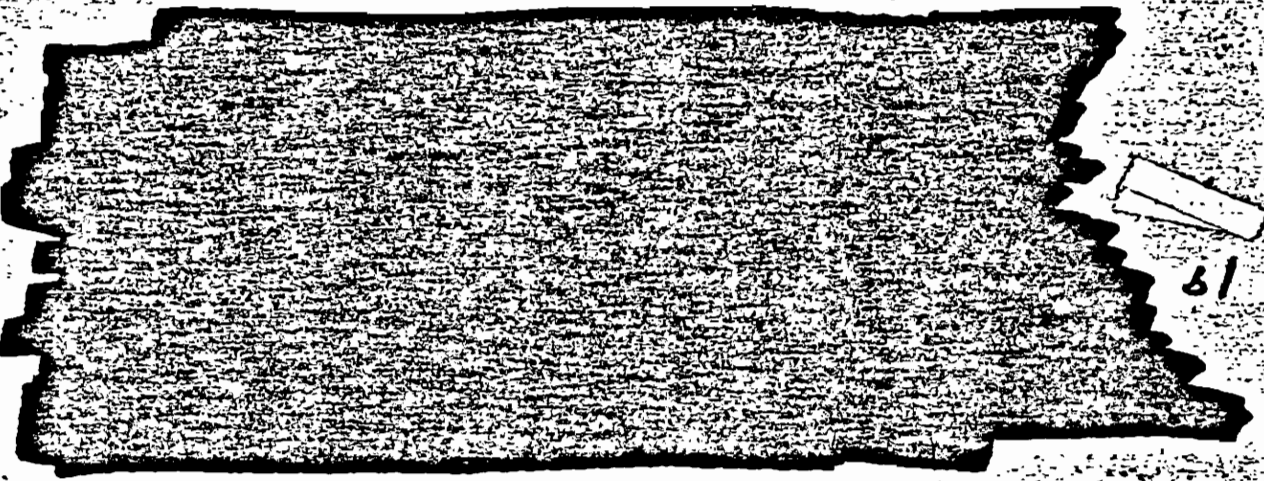
National Staff and New York Committee

The national staff members are:

TED JACOBS, Public Relations Director; LEAH SCHNEIDER, Office Manager and Bookkeeper; MARGARET BLAU, office worker and fund raiser; FRANK MILLER, office clerk and messenger; and, HELEN SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL.

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The members of the New York Committee are:



SOBELL Affiliates

The CSJMS is made up of the following affiliates:

Eastern Region - Boston, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Toronto, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New Haven.

Mid-Western Region-Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. Louis, Cleveland.

Western Region - Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Portland, San Diego, Seattle, Vancouver, Phoenix-Tucson, Salt Lake City and Denver.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of Conspiracy to Commit Espionage on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS

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were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

HELEN SOBELL

[REDACTED] identified on February 2, 1944, HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C. as of February 1, 1944.

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ROSE SOBELL

[REDACTED] advised during 1950 that the SOBELL family had resided at this address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940. [REDACTED] advised that on several occasions during this period Mrs. SOBELL had requested him to join the CP and he added that although he believed ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member because of this, he could not confirm her as a member of the CP or a Communist front organization.

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TED JACOBS

[REDACTED]

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NY T-3 advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old Party hack" who was active in the youth movement in the CP. NY T-3 advised that he had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS.

[REDACTED]

LEAH SCHNEIDER

b7d [REDACTED] and that LEAH SCHNEIDER had been an active member of the City Branch of the CP in Austin, Texas. [REDACTED] advised that because SCHNEIDER was an alien, extra security precautions were taken to conceal her Party membership.

MARGARET BLAU

NY T-4 advised on September 2, 1954, that MARGARET KANTER BLAU was the Organizational Secretary of the Fifth North Section of the Upper West Side Region of the New York State CP at one period of time between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

AARON KATZ

T-6 NY T-5 advised on April 27, 1944, that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to NY T-5, [REDACTED]

4-1 According to NY T-5, KATZ sat on the stage at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the CP, USA, held September 25, 1959, at Carnegie Hall, in New York City.

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EVELYN HARAP

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NY T-7 advised on January 13, 1959, that EVELYN MANN HARAP was a member of the Chelsea-Lincoln Square Section of the CP but that she had left the CP [REDACTED]

B. FINANCES

NY T-8 advised on indicated dates that the bank balances of the SC, which account was maintained at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York City, on the indicated dates were as follows:

<u>Date of Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Advised</u>
July 26, 1961	\$ 131.54	July 26, 1961
August 29, 1961	88.76	August 29, 1961
September 26, 1961	563.57	September 26, 1961
October 30, 1961	493.98	October 30, 1961
November 28, 1961	1,206.03	November 28, 1961
December 28, 1961	1,387.07	December 28, 1961

The information furnished by NY T-8 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed to produce the information furnished by NY T-8 in the event that it is to be utilized is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, New York City.

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NY T-8 advised on January 16, 1962, that the officers of record as of that date for the SC as listed on the bank account maintained at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York City, were HELEN L. SOBELL, President, and JENNIE RATNER, Secretary-Treasurer.

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On October 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed a group of individuals picketing in the vicinity of the White House in Washington, D.C. The group, which consisted of approximately 17 people, picketed and passed out literature to passers-by. The group carried signs supporting clemency or pardon for MORTON

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SOBELL and picketed from 2:55 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. At 4:25 p.m. eight individuals from this group picketed the building in Washington, D.C. in which was situated the United States Department of Justice, terminating their activities at approximately 5:15 p.m.

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NY T-10 advised on November 1, 1961, that members of the CSJMS were planning to picket the Hotel Carlyle in New York City during the afternoon of November 2, 1961, at which time President KENNEDY was scheduled to be in the New York City area for a political address.

On November 2, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed 14 individuals, representing themselves as members of the CSJMS picketing in the vicinity of the Hotel Carlyle in New York City, prior to the visit to the hotel by President KENNEDY. The group, who wore picket signs and passed out leaflets, included ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, and TED JACOBS, Public Relations Director of the CSJMS.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised on November 2, 1961, that the New York City Police Department permitted the SOBELL group to set up their picket lines at the Southwest corner of 77th Street, west of Madison Avenue, and he added that the entrance to the Hotel Carlyle where President KENNEDY was staying was east of Madison Avenue on 76th Street. According to [REDACTED] the SOBELL

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group commenced picketing at approximately 2:15 p.m., one hour prior to the arrival of President KENNEDY. At approximately 3:15 p.m., ROSE SOBELL was observed discreetly giving her picket sign to another marcher and after eluding the police control officer, mingling with a group of onlookers moving toward the entrance to the Hotel Carlyle. At the same time, TED JACOBS and HELEN SOBELL were observed mingling with a second group of onlookers also in a position near the entrance to the Hotel Carlyle and outside of previously erected police barricades.

b7d [REDACTED] advised on November 2, 1961, that a group of uniformed policemen returned all onlookers behind temporary barricades.

[REDACTED]

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On November 13, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed five individuals commence picketing in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. at 12:25 p.m. and terminate the picketing at 1:50 p.m. These five individuals included HELEN SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL, who carried signs calling for freedom for MORTON SOBELL. In addition, two women were observed passing out throwaway leaflets advising that 1,800 clergymen and educators had appealed to the President for clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

On November 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed a picket line of approximately 40 individuals set up in the vicinity of the UN building in New York City from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 6:20 p.m. The pickets numbered at one time approximately 75 individuals with the number of pickets changing constantly due to the fact that the pickets left the line and later rejoined the group due to a heavy rain that was falling. Few people observed the picket line and a few were observed accepting a newspaper type throwaway being distributed. Many of the pickets carried signs proclaiming the innocence of SOBELL and asking for his release from prison.

NY T-11 advised on [redacted] that a meeting was held at Socialist Workers Party (SWP) Headquarters in New York City on [redacted] and among the items discussed was the fact that there would be picketing in behalf of MORTON SOBELL on both November 18, 1961, and November 26, 1961, in Washington, D.C. and that those present should assist in securing the freedom of MORTON SOBELL. b7d

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NY T-12 advised on November 27, 1961, that on November 26, 1961, personnel and friends of the CSJMS left New York City at 9:45 a.m. via chartered bus for Washington, D.C. in order to participate in a picket line in front of the White House in hopes of embarrassing President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

[REDACTED]

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The President and the Attorney General were both away from Washington, D.C.; several hundred individuals had been expected but the turnout was very small; and, approximately 3,000 circulars had been brought to Washington for distribution but less than 100 had been accepted by onlookers and passersby.

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On December 12, 1961, a Special Agent of the FBI observed HELEN SOBELL and MARK SOBELL arrive in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. at 12:20 p.m. and after putting on signs proclaiming the innocence of MORTON SOBELL, start picketing at 12:30 p.m.

b7d [REDACTED] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., advised on December 12, 1961, that at 12:45 p.m. on December 12, 1961, the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS was observed to kneel on the sidewalk and grasp the bars of the fence surrounding the White House. ANDREWS was approached by officers of the Metropolitan Police Department and was taken into custody after it was explained that he was violating the law and he had replied that he understood.

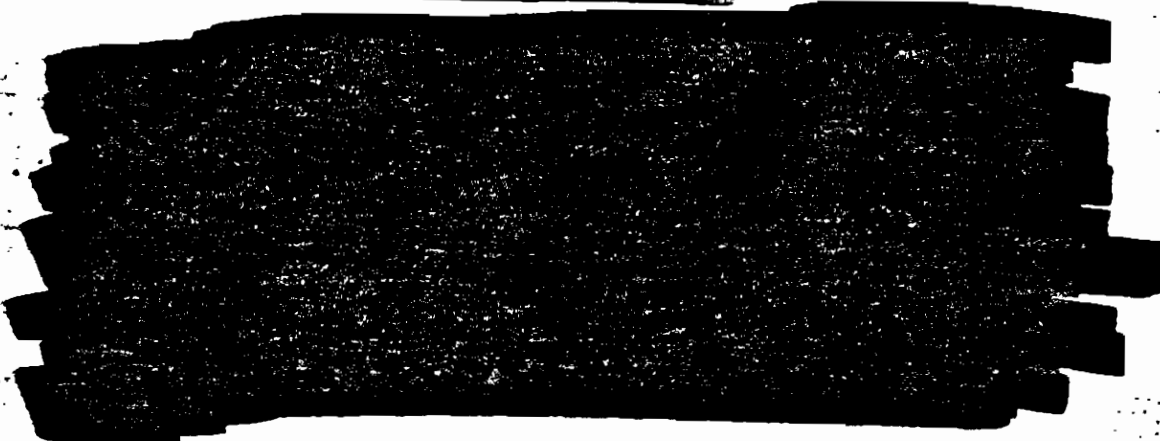

Following the arrest of Reverend DAVID ANDREWS on December 12, 1961, HELEN SOBELL and MARK SOBELL were observed by a Special Agent of the FBI to discontinue picketing.

On page 51 of the December 13, 1961 issue of the "New York Times", a New York City newspaper, is a news article entitled, "Pleads for Sobell", which reports that the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS was arrested by the Washington, D.C. police for kneeling in front of the White House during picketing in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

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On page 12 of the December 13, 1961 issue of the New York "Herald Tribune" and on page 2 of the December 13, 1961 issue of the New York "Daily News" are similar news items.

On page B12 of the December 13, 1961 issue of the "Washington Post", a Washington, D.C. newspaper, is an article entitled, "Minister is Cleared of Blocking Sidewalk", which reports that the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS of Boone, North Carolina, was cleared of disorderly conduct in obstructing the sidewalk before the White House since the Municipal Court Judge stated that he did not feel that a dozen people on a rainy day were enough to obstruct a wide sidewalk and that at most the minister was "guilty of poor judgment."

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NY T-13 advised on December 15, 1961, that on December 14, 1961, HELEN SOBELL gave a speech before approximately 20 individuals assembled on City College of New York's south campus in which speech she asserted her husband's innocence.

On December 15, 1961, [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., advised that several individuals, including HELEN SOBELL and DAVID ANDREWS, commenced picketing the White House at 11:30 a.m. carrying signs indicating MORTON SOBELL's innocence. [redacted] said that at 12:10 p.m. Reverend ANDREWS commenced reading aloud from the Bible in front of the White House and was arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department. [redacted] advised that the pickets discontinued at 12:25 p.m. b7d

[redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., advised on December 15, 1961, that the Reverend ANDREWS was arrested for "preaching a sermon on public property" and in an appearance before Judge MILTON S. KRONHEIM, JR. was fined \$5.00 and given two hours confinement. ANDREWS served the confinement and paid the fine.

[redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., advised on December 16, 1961, that a busload of pickets arrived at 3:40 p.m. on that date in front of the White House and commenced picketing, carrying signs declaring the innocence of MORTON SOBELL. [redacted] advised that at 3:50 p.m., the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS knelt on the b7d

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sidewalk to pray, and the police declared an "emergency" and arrested Reverend ANDREWS for violation of the picketing regulations. According to [REDACTED] the police declared the emergency because other conflicting groups were also engaged in picketing and occupied the entire sidewalk in front of the White House. [REDACTED] advised that he did not know whether or not Reverend ANDREWS would or did make bail. b7d

On December 17, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS posted \$10.00 collateral as bail and was scheduled to appear in court on December 19, 1961, on a charge of disorderly conduct and violation of an ordinance which requires demonstrators to keep moving.

On page 9 of the December 16, 1961 issue of the New York "Herald Tribune" is a news article entitled, "Arrest Minister Second Time at White House", which reports that the Reverend DAVID ANDREWS was arrested a second time on December 15, 1961, while kneeling in support of MORTON SOBELL in front of the White House.

On page 4 of the December 18, 1961 issue of the "New York Times" is a news article entitled, "Plea Made for Sobell", which article advised that a New York City minister had posted a \$10,00 bond for the Reverend JAMES D. ANDREWS of Boone, North Carolina, who had been arrested in Washington, D.C. for kneeling in front of the White House during picketing by a SOBELL group.

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Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD R. CUNNIFFE, Southern District of New York, advised on January 4, 1962, that on January 3, 1962, a Notice of Motion on behalf of MORTON SOBELL was served on the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, by Attorneys DONNER, PERLIN and PIEL of New York City. The motion moves to set aside the sentence of SOBELL as illegal and is returnable in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 15, 1962, and was filed under Section 2255 of Title 28, United States Code. The major grounds of the motion are:


First, The Trial Court failed to charge the jury at the trial with respect to an essential element of the offense that is, "in time of war." Second, the government was permitted to repeatedly examine co-defendant ETHEL ROSENBERG concerning her taking the Fifth Amendment before the Federal Grand Jury with respect to questions she answered at the trial.

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On page 14 of the January 4, 1962 issue of the "New York Times" is a news article entitled, "Freedom or Retrial Sought by Sobell", which reports that a motion had been filed in Federal Court in New York City on January 3, 1962, in behalf of MORTON SOBELL and that arguments concerning the motion would be heard on January 15, 1962. The motion is based upon arguments by SOBELL's attorneys to the effect that his constitutional rights had been violated and the trial was unfair.

The following New York City daily newspapers had articles similar to the above:

Page 4 of the January 4, 1962, issue of the "Journal American"

Page 5 of the January 4, 1962, issue of the New York "Mirror"

Page 17 of the January 4, 1962, issue of the New York "Herald Tribune"

Page 46 of the January 3, 1962, issue of the "New York Post"

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On page 42 of the January 11, 1962, issue of the "New York Times" is a news article entitled, "Mrs. Sobell Pickets", which reports that on January 10, 1962, Mrs. ROSE SOBELL sat down in the driveway and blocked traffic at the White House in a demonstration seeking the release of MORTON SOBELL. The article reports that police, aided by sub-freezing temperatures, outlasted her and after 40 minutes of "peaceful civil disobedience" she left.

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Articles concerning the campaign to secure freedom for MORTON SOBELL by executive clemency, pardon or by picketing public buildings and the President of the United States or the Attorney General of the United States appear in the following New York City daily newspapers:

"New York Post" Page 22 of the August 1, 1961 issue;
Page 27 of the December 12, 1961 issue

"New York Times" Page 25 of the September 21, 1961 issue;
Page 16 of the September 26, 1961 issue;
Page 80 of the November 19, 1961 issue;
Page 24 of the November 27, 1961 issue

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"New York Journal American"	Page 11 of the October 14, 1961 issue; Page 10 of the November 19, 1961 issue; Page 11 of the November 26, 1961 issue
New York "Daily News"	Page 4 of the September 26, 1961 issue; Page 5 of the November 24, 1961 issue
New York "Herald Tribune"	Page 5 of the September 21, 1961 issue; Page 33 of the November 19, 1961 issue; Page 13 of the November 24, 1961 issue

D. PUBLICITY IN BEHALF OF COMMITTEE

A characterization of "Jewish Currents", "The Militant", "Morning Freiheit" and the "National Guardian" may be found in the Appendix section hereto.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

NY T-15 advised during October, 1961, that HELEN SOBELL and a reporter for "The Worker" discussed on October 11, 1961, the picketing of the White House in Washington, D.C. on October 9, 1961, by HELEN SOBELL and her children and the expected results. NY T-15 advised that HELEN SOBELL was told that a story on the SOBELL case would appear shortly in "The Worker."

On page 6, column 4 of the October 22, 1961 issue of "The Worker" is a feature article by a staff writer entitled, "Morton Sobell's Wife Tells of Family's Anguished Years" which reports an interview

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with HELEN SOBELL and sets forth the activities and plans of the CSJMS.

On page 45 of the November, 1961 issue of the magazine, "Jewish Currents", is a column entitled, "Around the World", which reports the picketing of the White House by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL on the Jewish feast, Yom Kippur.

On page 12, column 1, of the November 12, 1961 issue of "The Worker" is a news article entitled, "Picket Line at UN Nov. 16 to Help Sobell's Release", which reports that the CSJMS would now take direct action to secure SOBELL's release and that a picket line would be set up at the UN building in New York City on November 16, 1961, and a second picket line on November 26, 1961, at the White House in Washington, D.C.

On page 3 of the November 13, 1961, issue of "The Militant" is an editorial entitled, "Help Free Morton Sobell", which sets forth the picketing activities of the CSJMS and asks that support, financial and physical, be furnished the CSJMS.

On page 2, columns 4 and 5, of the November 16, 1961 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" is a news article entitled, "Children of Morton Sobell Appeal to UN Committee", which reports that the children of MORTON SOBELL would appeal to the UN on November 16, 1961.

On page 8, column 1, of the November 21, 1961 issue of "The Worker" is a news article entitled, "Sobell's Son, 12, Confronts Robert Kennedy", which advises that the SOBELL committee had picketed the dedication ceremony of the new Fordham Law School

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In New York City where ROBERT KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States, was a speaker. The article reports that HELEN SOBELL, her daughter, SYDNEY, and her son, MARK, had accosted the Attorney General and had requested that he free MORTON SOBELL. The story reports also that the SOBELL children had presented an appeal previously to the Human Rights Division of the United Nations asking them to appeal to President KENNEDY for freedom for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 8, columns 3 and 4 of the December 12, 1961 issue of "The Worker" is a photograph of the SOBELL family leading a picket line outside the White House on November 26, 1961, and advising that a new picket line would be established at the White House on December 16 and 17, 1961.

On page 12, column 4 of the December 17, 1961 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled, "Weekend Vigil in Capitol for Morton Sobell" which advises the reader that the CSJMS was conducting an all-night vigil at the White House and that buses would leave committee headquarters in New York City.

On page 5 of the December 25, 1961 issue of the "National Guardian" is a news story entitled, "Dramatic Action for Sobell", accompanied by a photograph, which story reports that DAVID ANDREWS of Boone, North Carolina, was arrested for a "direct action of civil disobedience" on December 12, 1961.

On page 8, columns 4 and 5 of the January 4, 1962 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" is a news article entitled, "Morton Sobell Has Submitted Petition for Liberation", in which article there is

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reported that attorneys for MORTON SOBELL had petitioned the court to set aside his sentence on the grounds that it was illegal.

On page 3 of the January 15, 1962 issue of the "National Guardian" is a news article entitled, "Sobell Files Petition for Release or New Trial - Spy-Case Conviction Called Unjust and Unlawful." This article reports that on January 3, 1962, MORTON SOBELL entered a petition in the United States District Court in New York City for release or a new trial in which petition he maintains:

1. Judge KAUFMAN failed to explain the term, "in time of war" to the jury.

2. The jury did not have the opportunity to determine the facts and the maximum penalty should have been a 20 year sentence instead of a 30 year sentence.

3. It was impermissible for the judge to permit the prosecution to question ETHEL ROSENBERG as to her reasons for entering a plea on Fifth Amendment grounds before a Grand Jury.

News fillers, advertisements and/or letters to the editor concerning the release of MORTON SOBELL or the activities of the CSJMS appeared in the following editions of the "National Guardian":

Page 3	July 31, 1961 issue
Page 2	July 31, 1961 issue
Page 2	August 7, 1961 issue

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Page 2	August 14, 1961 issue
Page 9	August 21, 1961 issue
Page 11	October 2, 1961 issue
Page 4	October 9, 1961 issue
Page 11	October 9, 1961 issue
Page 2	October 16, 1961 issue
Page 11	October 23, 1961 issue
Page 6	November 13, 1961 issue
Page 2	November 13, 1961 issue
Page 11	November 13, 1961 issue
Page 3	November 20, 1961 issue
Page 2	November 27, 1961 issue
Page 2	December 4, 1961 issue
Page 3	December 18, 1961 issue

E. PUBLICITY RELEASES BY THE COMMITTEE



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In Washington - picketing of the White House, October 16, 1961, in increasing numbers each week; picketing of the White House, November 26, 1961, and December 17, 1961; a minister to kneel before the White House in violation of the city ordinances.

Across the country - picketing on November 26, 1961, and December 17, 1961, in sympathy with the group in Washington, D.C.; picket the Federal Building in your city; picket whenever a number of the President's Cabinet is in town; HELEN SOBELL will appear at all picket lines where possible; clergy and other noted citizens should be invited to join the picketing.

Public appeals - It was decided that "standing in" for MORTON SOBELL was not practical and so an appeal for a day's pay was proposed.

Emphasis - There should be increased emphasis on the issues, frauds and the meaning of injustice.

Literature - New literature is planned.

Press - Notify the press, etc., prior to conducting direct action so that it might receive maximum publicity.

Fight in the courts - A new fight to retrieve the lost time served; new legal motions to be presented to the court.

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- Approach to the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case as an entity - The entire ROSENBERG - SOBELL case should be utilized to expose the frauds of the case.

Appeal to the world - Special material will be sent to leading figures throughout the world,

Finances - Strong emphasis should be placed on raising funds for projects already under way.

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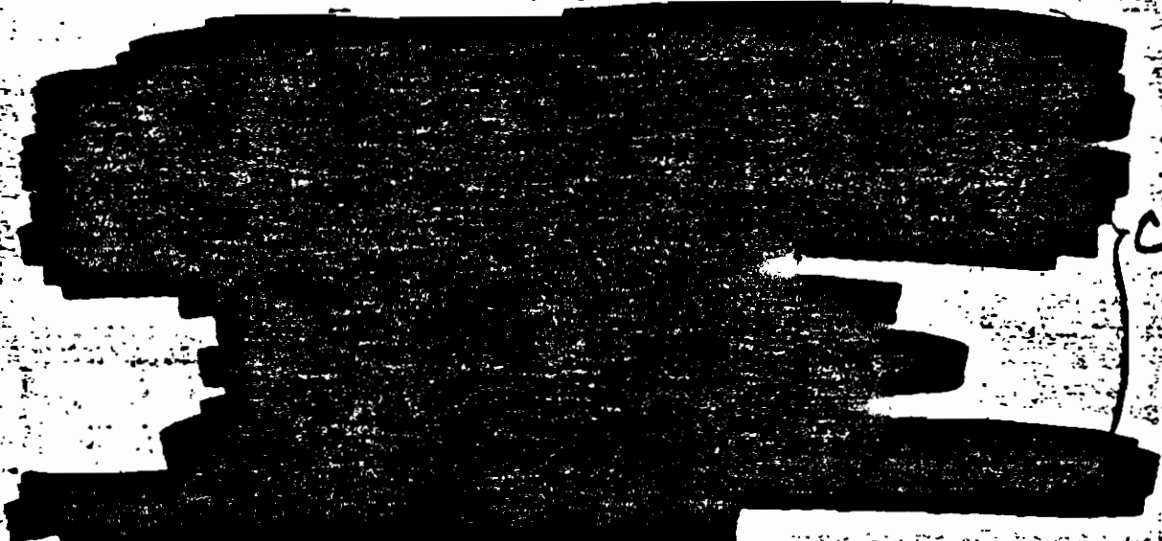
The case comes alive in the press and on television - Public actions, group demonstrations with appeals of the SOBELL family to the President and the Attorney General has resulted in a barrage of stories and photographs in papers from coast to coast with strength in the Washington, D.C. press; Reverend DAVID ANDREWS was arrested December 12, 1961, in an act of "civil disobedience" at the White House and the picture hit papers across the nation; Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY was picketed when he spoke in New York City at the dedication of a law school and this was reported by the press nationally; the picketing at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts by the SOBELL family on Thanksgiving Day was front page news; SYDNEY SOBELL picketed the President in Miami and was interviewed by the press and television; picket lines in Washington, D.C. on November 26, 1961, and December 16-17, 1961, stirred attention.

New Haven proves what can be done - On December 16, 1961, five persons picketed the Federal Building in New Haven and received state-wide press coverage, some on the front page; all cities should schedule their own picketing demonstrations and HELEN SOBELL will appear at a Los Angeles demonstration in February, 1962.

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Other activity - Student newspapers are taking up the case and writing editorials; MORTON SOBELL's attorneys intend to enter court with new legal motions.

Future steps - Intensification of the new type of actions, new locations; a pilgrimage by plane to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta to picket outside the prison; the possibility of international activity is being explored, civil disobedience along the lines of Reverend ANDREWS is being considered.



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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

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"JEWISH CURRENTS"
Formerly known as "Jewish Life"

"Jewish Life" for October, 1957, announced that after the October issue, and with the next issue to be published in January, 1958, the magazine was changing its name to "Jewish Currents", because of the claim to the name "Jewish Life" by the magazine "Orthodox Jewish Life."

The May, 1961, issue reported that "Jewish Currents" is published by Jewish Currents, Inc., Room 601, 22 East 17th Street, New York City.

Concerning "Jewish Life," the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, dated January 2, 1957, and prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, stated:

- "(1) Cited as a Communist front which first appeared in November, 1946, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, 'Morning Freiheit'... The first issue contained this announcement of policy: 'Jewish Life dedicates itself to strengthening the friendship of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union...'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 93.)"

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"THE MILITANT"

A weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers
Party.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish Daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propoganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

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"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly.'*** Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason' The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York

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Reference is made to the New York report of
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4811	2/9/62	(enclosure to serial 4810) NY LHM to HQ	2	-	See NY file # 100-109849
4812	2/9/62	NY Airtel to HQ	1	-	See NY file # 100-109849
4813	2/19/62	SA letter to NY	2	-	See NY file # 100-109849
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4834	2/16/62	copy: Third Party SA letter to PG	3	0	
4835	2/19/62	HQ letter to SF	1	-	
4836	2/20/62	copy: Third Party SA letter to CG	2	-	NY file # 100-109849
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4839	2/20/62	SA Letter to CG	1	-	NY file # 100-109849
4840	2/21/62	BA LHM to HQ Enclosure to Serial 4841	2	1	
4841	2/1/62	BA Airtel to HQ	1	1	
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4845	2/23/62	SA letter to BA	2	0	
4846	2/26/62	SA letter to SAC	2	3	
4847	—	destroyed per Memo 7/25/62	—	—	
4848	2/27/62	SF LHM to HQ Enclosure to Serial 4849	3	3	
4849	2/27/62	SF Airtel to HQ	1	1	
4850	—	destroyed per Memo 7/25/62	—	—	
4851	3/2/62	NY LHM to HQ Envelope to Serial 4852	3	—	NY file # 100-109849
4852	3/2/62	NY Airtel to HQ	1	—	NY file # 100-109849
4853	3/5/62	CG Report to HQ	33	33	
4854	3/7/62	Paris letter to HQ	2	0	

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4858	3/6/62	Rome letter to HQ	1	0	
4859	3/14/62	SF LHM to HQ ENCLOSURE to Serial 4860	3	2	
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4869	3/15/62	PD letter to HQ	1	1	
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4872	3/16/62	^{cont: Third Party} N H letter to HQ	11	-	NY file # 100-109849
4873	3/16/62	^{cont: Third Party} SA letter to BA	3	-	NY file # 100-37158
4874	3/19/62	HQ letter to CG	1	1	
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3. Nat'l. Gazette
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5. Presentive Summary
6. NY Summary
7. Misc. Notes (NY Sum)
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SA [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On 12/15/61, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the writer with a written report concerning the bank account for the captioned organization. The original report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

This bank account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that the information showing the day to day activity of this account must be followed in a report with the statement that this information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED] b7D

The information pertaining to the checks drawn on this account should be followed by a statement that this information is no longer in possession of the source or the bank.

The information concerning this account is as follows:

- ① - New York (RM)
- 1 - 100- (Committee to Secure Justice for NORTON SOBELL)

2 - Chicago [REDACTED]

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECKS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
NOV.			\$551.16
8	\$ 30.00		521.16
13	19.50		501.66
15		\$67.00	568.66
16	300.00		268.66
24	3.00		265.66
29	.59		265.16
30		21.00	286.16

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>CLEARED THROUGH</u>
\$300.00	Committee to Secure Justice Morton Sobell	Corn Exchange, New York

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 1/17/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE (IASC)
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SOURCE ACTIVITY RECEIVED AGENT LOCATION

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/10/62	writer	[REDACTED] b1
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who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.

Informant furnished the following written report:

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A source advised on May 4, 1961, that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of captioned organization.

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'...."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-61 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

SOURCE:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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AD

SA [REDACTED]

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CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On January 10, 1962, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the writer with a written report concerning the bank account of the captioned organization for the month of December, 1961. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. b70

The original report is filed in [REDACTED] b70

It should be noted that when using the information concerning the day to day activity of this account a statement should follow that this information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]. Concerning information about the checks drawn on this account, a statement should be made that this information is no longer in the possession of this source or the bank. b70

The information as it pertains to this organization is set forth as follows:

1 - New York (100-

)(COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL) (RM)

2 - Chicago
[REDACTED]

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Chicago Sobell Committee
Dec. 1961

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			\$286.19
1	\$ 22.00		264.16
4	10.00	\$55.00	199.16
5	50.00		149.16
8	30.00		119.16
13		\$88.00	207.16
21	100.00		107.16
22	25.00	268.00	350.16
27	1.25		348.91
29	107.00		241.91

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$100.00	Committee Secure Justice M. Sobell	Chemical Bank - New York
107.00	Cre Ad Mail Inc. End by Chas Vecchi Cashed LaSalle Lake Cy Exchange	Exchange Natl - Chgo

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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ISA of 1950

(OO: New York)

Attached hereto for completion of the Bureau files in captioned matter are two positive photostats of newspaper type throwaways distributed by captioned organization.

These are identified as follows:

Attachment 1. Positive photostat of a four page newspaper type throwaway entitled "Give a Day of Your Life", published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell - November, 1961, 6th issue.

Attachment 2. Positive photostat of a four page newspaper type throwaway entitled "Give a Day of Your Life", published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell - January, 1962, 7th issue.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR HORTON SOBELL
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On 1/30/62, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished to SA [REDACTED] an announcement featuring Dr. ALBETTE RUBINSTEIN, [REDACTED], 3/27, at 8:30 p.m., at the KINBINS, 6730 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. auspices: Philadelphia Sobell Committee. This announcement stated that Dr. RUBINSTEIN has been associated with the New York University and Principal of the Robert Louis Stevenson High School, New York City. It stated that she is an author, critic, and lecturer, and is at present completing a critical history of American literature.

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In addition the announcement set forth the following information:

"THE SOBELL CASE COMES ALIVE IN THE PRESS AND TV

"A series of public actions, combining group demonstrations with personal appeals of the Sobell family to the President and Attorney

2 - Charlotte (RM)

[REDACTED] (SOBELL COMMITTEE)

1 - Newark (RM)

1 - 100-

(SOBELL COMMITTEE)

1 - New Haven (RM)

1 - 100-

(SOBELL COMMITTEE)

3 - New York (RM)

1 - 100-

(SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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1 - [REDACTED] (SOBELL COMMITTEE) (RM)

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"General through picketing, has resulted in a barrage of stories and photographs in papers from coast to coast.

"Rev. DAVID ANDREWS from Boone, N. Carolina undertook a civil disobedience action to call attention to the injustice of the Sobell Case on Tuesday, December 12th at the White House.

"Noted New York clergyman, Rev. DONALD S. HARRINGTON, posted bond at one point in 'his utmost admiration for Rev. DAVID ANDREWS' witness for justice.

"Hyannis Port - Sobell family picketed the Kennedy residence on Thanksgiving Day. This action was front-paged as well as TV reported.

"Washington, D.C. - picket lines at the White House on Nov. 26 and Dec. 16 & 17 supported by people from New York, Phila., Baltimore and Washington.

"New Haven - Dec. 16, supporters with Helen Sobell picketed the city's federal building and post office. Taking part was Rev. WILLIAM UPHAM.

"Phila. & Trenton - supporters with HELEN SOBELL picketing Pres. KENNEDY when he was in Trenton.

"Legal action - Jan. 8th - the date when HORTON SOBELL's attorneys intend to be in court with the new motions.

This announcement was mailed from 249 South Holmville Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa. This is the residence of JEAN FRANTZIS.

The above item is retained in 100-37667-1B-32-(45).

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FOR MORTON SOBELL
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5 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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"Saturday, January 28, 1962

"A Sobell Committee lecture was held at the HINDEN Home, 6730 N. 13th St., Phila., Pa. MAX MILLMAN, Esquire opened the meeting. He asked that all announcements be made before the speaker starts. Mr. LEVENSON, an attorney who claims he practiced law for 58 years, mostly in civil rights cases announced that JEAN FRANTJES' father passed away last night. A meeting will be held at the ROTENBERGS' Home next Saturday. JAMES DOLSEN made announcement to the effect that JESUS COLON is the next speaker for the Social Science Forum.

"Latter on in the evening, Mr. LEVENSON gave some examples of his work. He cited one example where he represented a Negro in the South. He said that the Negro stated, 'A Jew representing a nigger has no chance here.' Mr. LEVENSON spoke against the House Un-American Committee, the Senate Internal Security Committee and the F.B.I.

"HENRITTA OSTROV was collecting admission fee of \$1.00 from each person entering house.

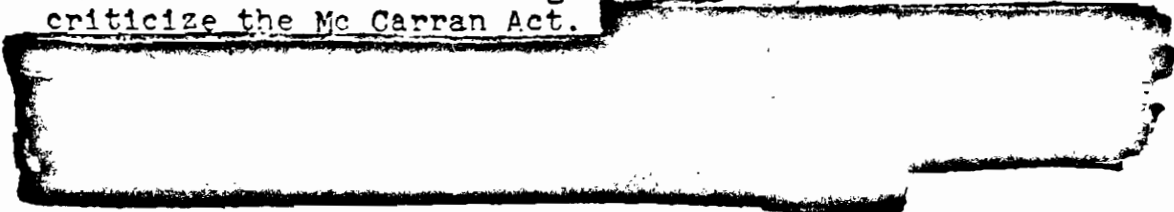
"A collection was made latter for the Sobell Committee. ARCHIE COLEMAN was selling Jewish Currents and he was helping in setting up the chairs. About 60 people were present. An announcement was made that SARAH EPSTEIN died. Mrs. RICHARD MEREDITH, National Guardian Committee (husband) made announcement to the effect that mothers are being called on to picket LaSalle College on Tuesday, January 30, 1962 at 12 noon. Dr. EDWARD TELLER 'father of the H Bomb' will be there. 670

"After Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN started with her humor she spoke on her specialty which is English literature. She tried to prove that there was some radicalism in England. There was some Mc Carthyism and Mc Carranism there at the time. She spent most of the evening quoting from her book, 'From Shakespeare to Shaw.' She said she was a school teacher and principle in New York City schools. She and the school officials disagreed on

"certain matters of proceedure. The school authorities won. She said she was called to Washington to testify where she met ROBERT KENNEDY the present Attorney General of the United States. She said that MORRIS SCHAPPES, a former school teacher and now editor of Jewish Currents was also fired in New York. She does not have much regard for Dr. APTHEKER as a writer because of what he left out in his stories of the Civil War in the United States.

"When asked about contemporary left-wing writers in the United States she said there are very few of them. She considers herself among the few good ones in the country.

"Her main reason for coming to Philadelphia was to criticize the Mc Carran Act.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

One copy of this report is being furnished to Chicago, San Diego, and San Francisco for their information, since it has been established there is a close alliance between the Los Angeles Sobell Committee and the Sobell Committees of those areas.

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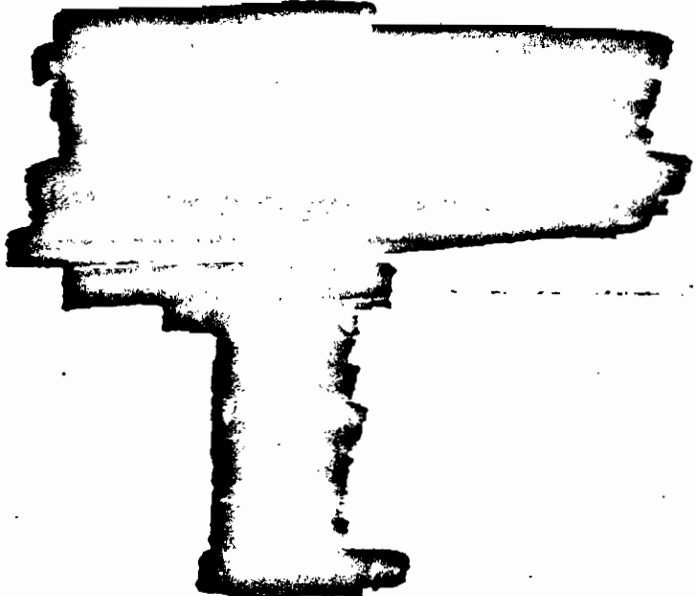
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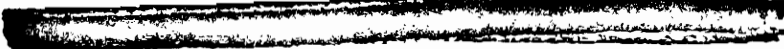
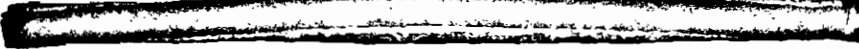

Synopsis:

As of 1/18/62, headquarters of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee were on the second floor, 132 North Western Avenue Los Angeles. Los Angeles Sobell Committee composed of four chapters; Los Angeles Area Chapter, Long Beach-San Pedro Chapter, West Los Angeles Chapter, and Valley Chapter. As of 1/18/62 no membership list maintained by the Los Angeles Sobell Committee. Major campaign was appeal by petitions to President for clemency for Sobell, which was denied in September, 1961. Subversive ramifications through connections with CP and other organizations set out.

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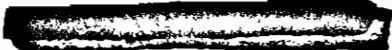
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DETAILS:


For the purpose of brevity, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will be hereinafter referred to as the LASC, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as the CSJMS, and the Southern California District Communist Party as the SCDPCP.

All the meetings and activities reported herein were held in Los Angeles, California, unless otherwise indicated.

I. SCOPE



As of January 18, 1962, the LASC was composed of the Los Angeles area Chapter, also known as the Metro Chapter; the Long Beach-San Pedro Chapter; West Los Angeles Chapter; and the Valley Chapter. Informant stated the Los Angeles Area Chapter was the only regularly active chapter. b2

II. INCORPORATION


Division of Corporations
State Building
107 South Broadway
Los Angeles (12/28/61)

Records of the Secretary of State of California indicate no record of any incorporation of the SCJMS under that name or under the names National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, or the Los Angeles Sobell Committee. b20

III. CHARACTERIZATION


The LASC (See Appendix) is the Los Angeles, California, affiliate of the CSJMS (See Appendix). b2

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

IV. AIMS AND PURPOSES

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that between January and June, 1961, the aim and objective of the LASC was to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL by petitioning the President for amnesty for SOBELL

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V. HEADQUARTERS

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The LASC moved from Suite 3, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, to the Second Floor, 132 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on December 1, 1961.

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As of January 18, 1962, the headquarters of the LASC was the Second Floor, 132 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

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V. OFFICERS

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EVELYN BURKETT

LA T-3 (11/29/50)

As of November 29, 1950, EVELYN BURKETT was the Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council (See Appendix).

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WIDGE NEWMAN

[REDACTED]

IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) while attending New York University, New York City.

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The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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VIII. FINANCES

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LA T-7 (1/17/62)

The Sobell Committee maintains Commercial Account number 13-953 at the Security First National Bank, 253 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. This account was opened on December 1, 1954, at which time the address of the committee was 468 North Western Avenue. The present address was indicated as 132 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The Signature Card was signed by WIDGE NEWMAN, President and EVELYN BURKETT, Secretary, however the card indicated only WIDGE NEWMAN could sign checks. The balance of the account was \$139.03.

The above information can be obtained upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to [REDACTED] Security First National Bank, 253 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

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SOPHIE DAVIDSON

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As of July, 1953, SOPHIE DAVIDSON was a member of the Mother Bloor Club, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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Appearing in the "Daily People's World" (DPW) on January 2, 1953, page 3, was an article which reflected SOPHIE DAVIDSON was the chairman of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (See Appendix CSJMS).

The DPW became a weekly publication in February, 1957, and was a west coast Communist newspaper. It is now known as the PW which is a west coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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ANNA MANDELMAN

[REDACTED]

As of February 16, 1961, MANDELMAN was the Press Director of the Aaron Johnson Club, Moranda Smith Section, SCDCP.

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XII. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

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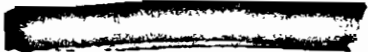
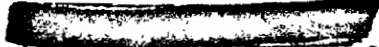
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[REDACTED] at a meeting of the
SCDCP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DONORIN MAIR (above) announced the
LASC was "going full blast" since SOBELL's appeal had
been denied.

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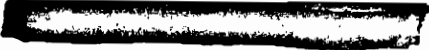
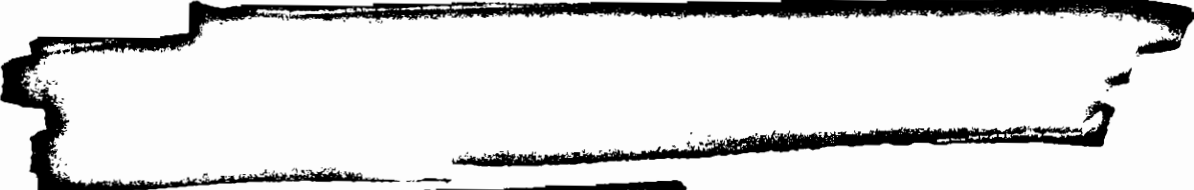
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B. CONNECTIONS WITH THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
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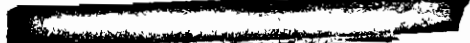
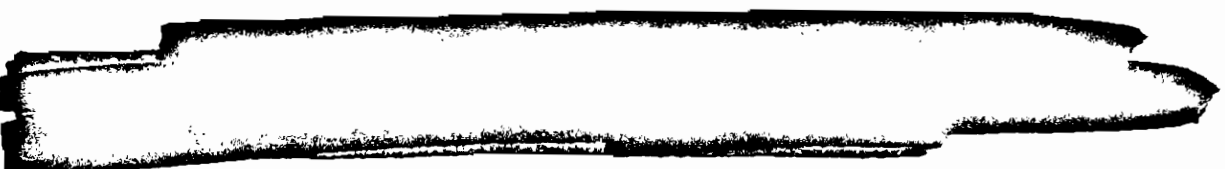

 a dinner sponsored by the LASC was held at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 East Eighth Street, Los Angeles.

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C. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (CCPAF) (See Appendix)

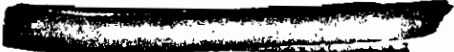
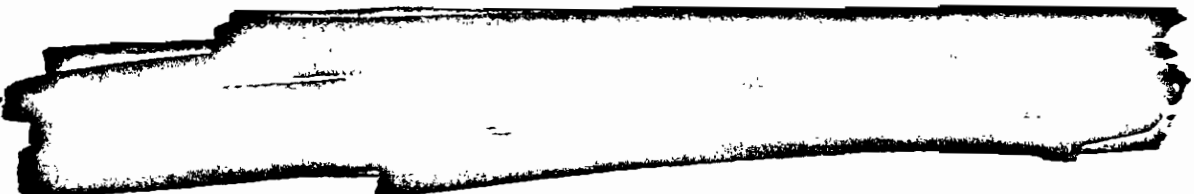



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B. CONNECTIONS WITH EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH WOMEN'S CLUBS (ELFJWC) (See Appendix)

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